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In re Application of:

**FUKUIZUMI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/619,768

Examiner: **C. D. Toomer**

Filed: **July 19, 2000**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS**

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Date: February 4, 2002

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), claims 1 - 12 drawn to method for preparing a chemical solution; and Group (II), claims 13 to 38 drawn to a chemical solution preparation apparatus.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), claims 13 - 38 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's right to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 is retained.

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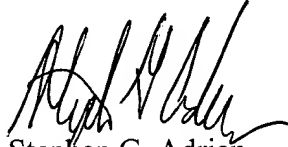
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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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